



Skagit County Climate Impact Advisory Committee

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Members: Jon Riedel, Don McMoran, Patsy Martin, Joel Dryden, Robert Pavia, Jason Vander Kooy, Bob Carey, Mark Radka, Betty Carteret, Jenna Friebe, Daryl Hamburg, Curtis Clement, and Marcus Campidilli

Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Please refer to the video recording of the Climate Impact Advisory Committee (CIAC) meeting for in-depth information about these meeting minutes. Meeting materials, recordings, and referenced information can be found on the CIAC website:

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Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Jenna Friebe: Present

Jon Riedel: Present

Don McMoran: Present

Patsy Martin: Present

Joel Dryden: Present (Virtual)

Robert Pavia: Present

Jason Vander Kooy: Present

Bob Carey: Present

Mark Radka: Present

Betty Carteret: Present

Daryl Hamburg: Present

Curtis Clement: Present

Marcus Campidilli: Absent

Clean Energy Advisory Group Update

The Skagit County Planning Department released a call for public comment on the Clean Energy Siting and Permitting Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS covers solar, battery energy storage, small modular / mini reactors, and clean fuel production.

CIAC members were encouraged to review the EIS and submit scoping comments.

CIAC Field Trip

CIAC members confirmed the upcoming field trip would be on June 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Members would meet at the County offices and then stop at the following areas:

- Dike District 12
- Joe Leary Slough
- Bayview Hill / Padilla Bay
- La Conner
- Wiley Slough

2026 Workplan Discussion

Chair Friebe presented proposed edits on the CIAC draft workplan to continue refining from the May 6, 2026, meeting.

Members emphasized that the committee's role is technical advice, not making policy decisions, and that recommendations must:

- Focus on what the County actually controls (jurisdiction & assets).
- Recognize the autonomy and assets of dike/drainage districts and federal partners (e.g., USACE).

On climate and sea-level scenarios:

- Agreement to consider multiple plausible futures, not a single scenario, and to test sensitivity of problems to different ranges.
- Discussion of aligning with Washington State guidance and IPCC while clearly explaining uncertainty and ranges, not implying “major shifts” in the science.
- Recognition that near-term coastal risk is often driven more by storms/extremes, with sea-level rise increasingly important over the longer term.

Subcommittees / Ad Hoc Committees:

- Consensus to use ad hoc technical subcommittees to work more efficiently (outside OPMA constraints of a quorum) and distill complex science before full-committee discussions.
- Agreement on two primary ad hoc committees:
 - Coastal / Sea-Level & Coastal Flooding Committee

- Members: Robert Pavia (Chair), Betty Carteret, Jenna Friebe, and Patsy Martin.
- Riverine Flooding / River Hydrology Committee
 - Members: Jon Riedel (Chair), Don McMoran, Curtis Clement, Mark Radka, Jenna Friebe, Daryl Hamburg, and Jason Vander Kooy.
- Intent of the committees:
 - First, identify future “baseline” conditions (e.g., plausible ranges of sea-level rise, river flood magnitudes).
 - Then assess vulnerabilities and how those baselines inform County decisions (assets, infrastructure, policies).
 - Acknowledgement that waterfront and river processes are interlinked (especially near river mouths), but dividing work will help manage complexity and time.

Communications & Public Engagement:

- Brief discussion of whether to host periodic open-house style community meetings for transparency and input beyond standard public comment.
- Decision to bring this back as a dedicated agenda item at a future meeting.

Next Steps & Logistics:

Next “meeting” will be the June 16 field trip (meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Continental County offices).

A revised draft of the work plan will be circulated after redlines are cleaned up and committee structure language is updated.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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